

# The BOG



Willow Lake, Plumas County <http://creagrass.home.montereybay.com/CA-PLU-WillowLake.html>

# Goals for Today

- Update the Review Panel on developments over the past year
- Group discussion of draft Wildlife Report
- Group discussion of draft Bass Lake Plan
- Preliminary discussion of plans for 2016 and beyond
- Make sure we hear from the Panel
  - Format for each item: Presentation, Panel, general discussion



## Item 2: Update on BOG and SWAMP

- Wildlife Study (2012-13)
  - No reporting in 2014
- “Clean Lakes” Study (2014)
  - Successful sampling campaign
  - Analyses and data management
  - Draft report in July 2015, Final in September



## Item 2: Update on BOG and SWAMP

- Bass Lake Monitoring Design (2015-)
  - SWAMP reorganization has continued
  - Development of three-year contracts
  - Contract processing – expected June 1
- BOG Business Plan
  - Recommended by the Triennial Audit Report
  - Report on resource needs
  - Due December
- SWAMP planning timeline



# Approved Multi-Year Workplan

		Actual	Planning						
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Sport Fish	Clean Lakes Study	\$263,457							
	Status and Trend Monitoring (Lakes, Coast, Rivers)		\$280,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$460,000	\$460,000	\$360,000
	Coastal Fish (Round 2)								
	Statewide Synthesis Report (SWAMP + Other)					\$100,000			\$100,000
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## Item 3: Draft Report on the Wildlife Study

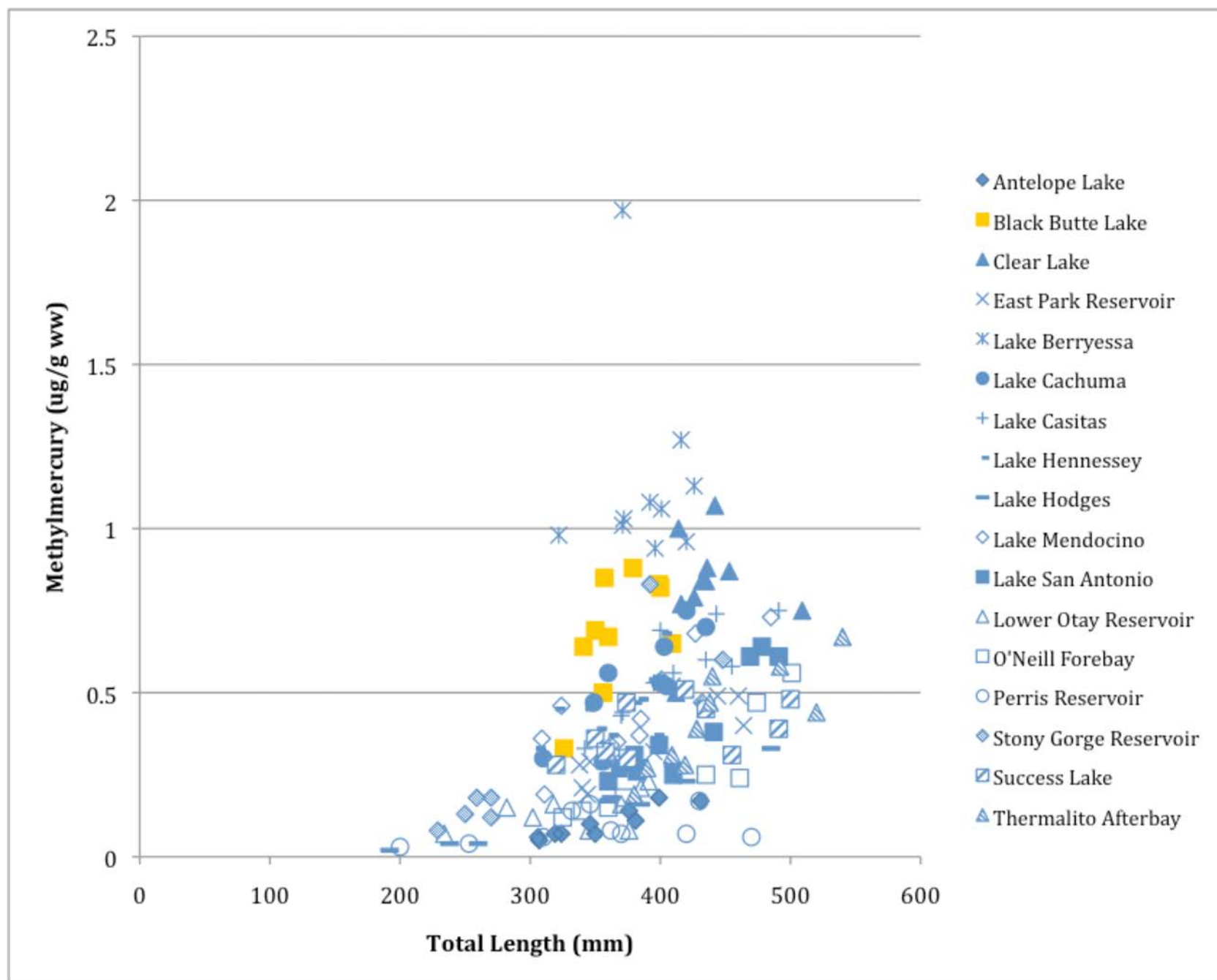
- Presentation and discussion today
- Written comments due 4/29
- Desired outcome: Input to guide preparation of the final report and future development and application of the exposure estimation tool.

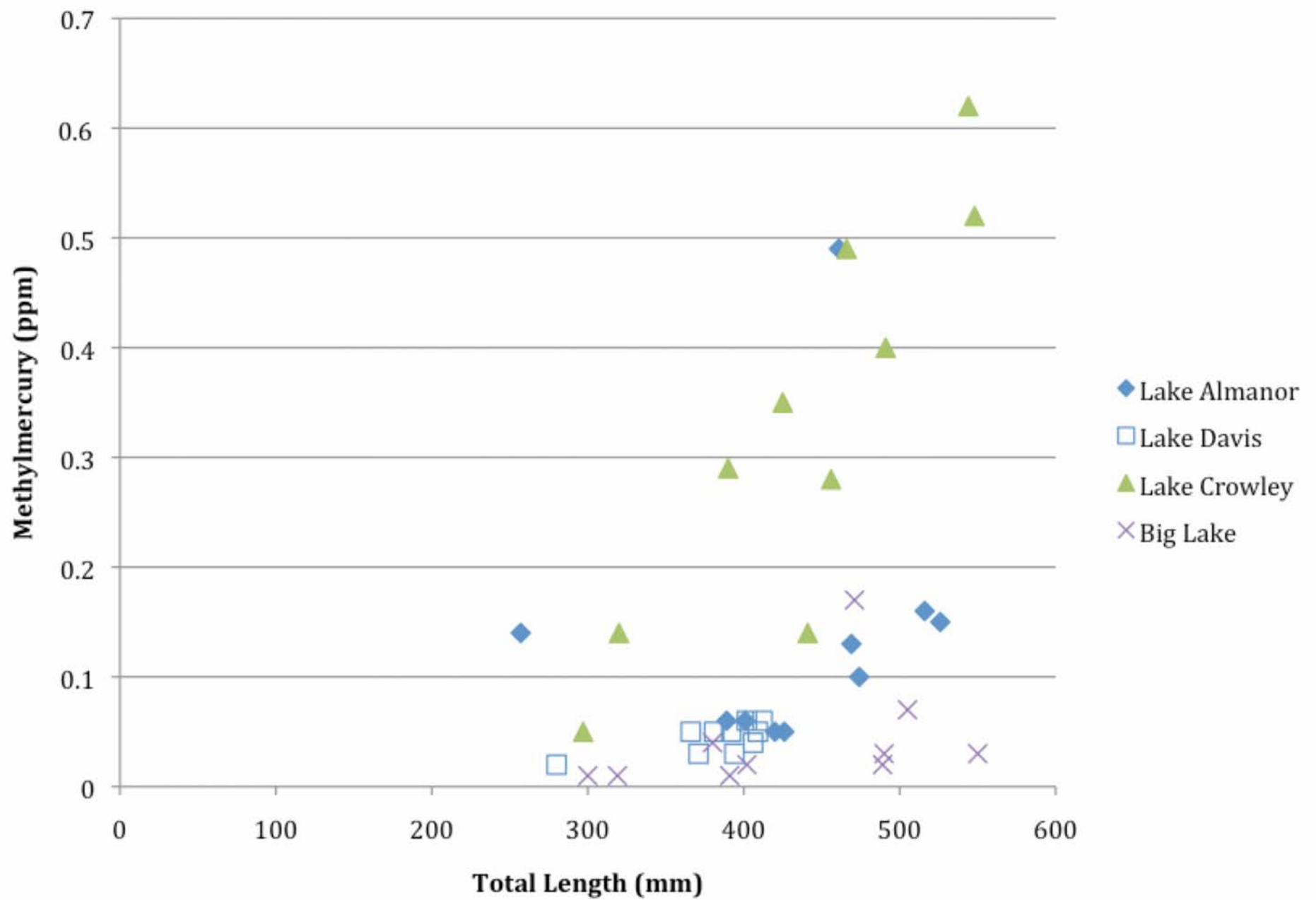


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- New wrinkle -  
Topaz Lake
  - 2 smallmouth bass
  - 400 mm
  - 0.85 ppm
  - Sucker and rainbow trout in 2008, both 0.18 ppm

**Lakes Survey 2012-2013**

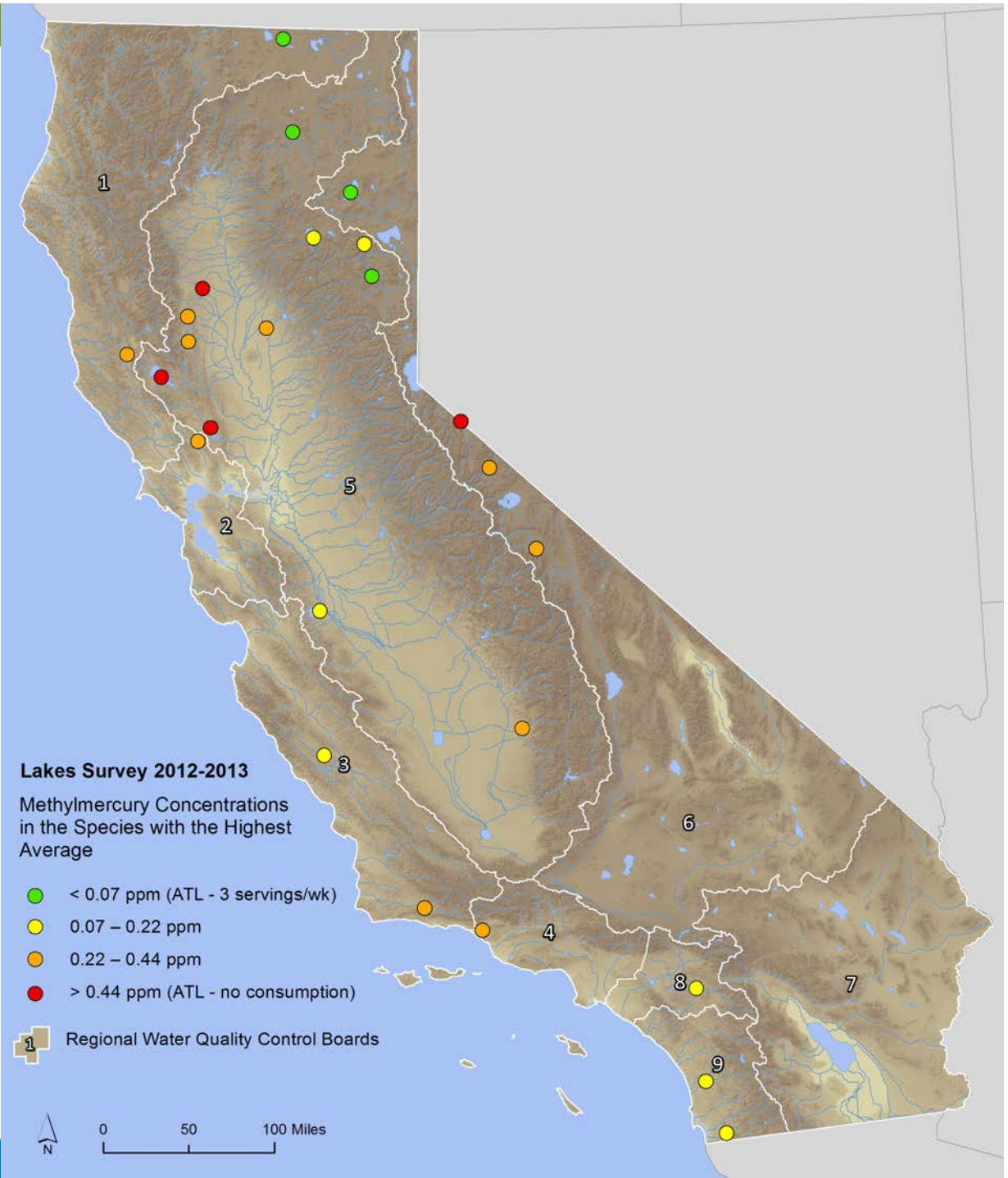
Methylmercury Concentrations  
in the Species with the Highest  
Average

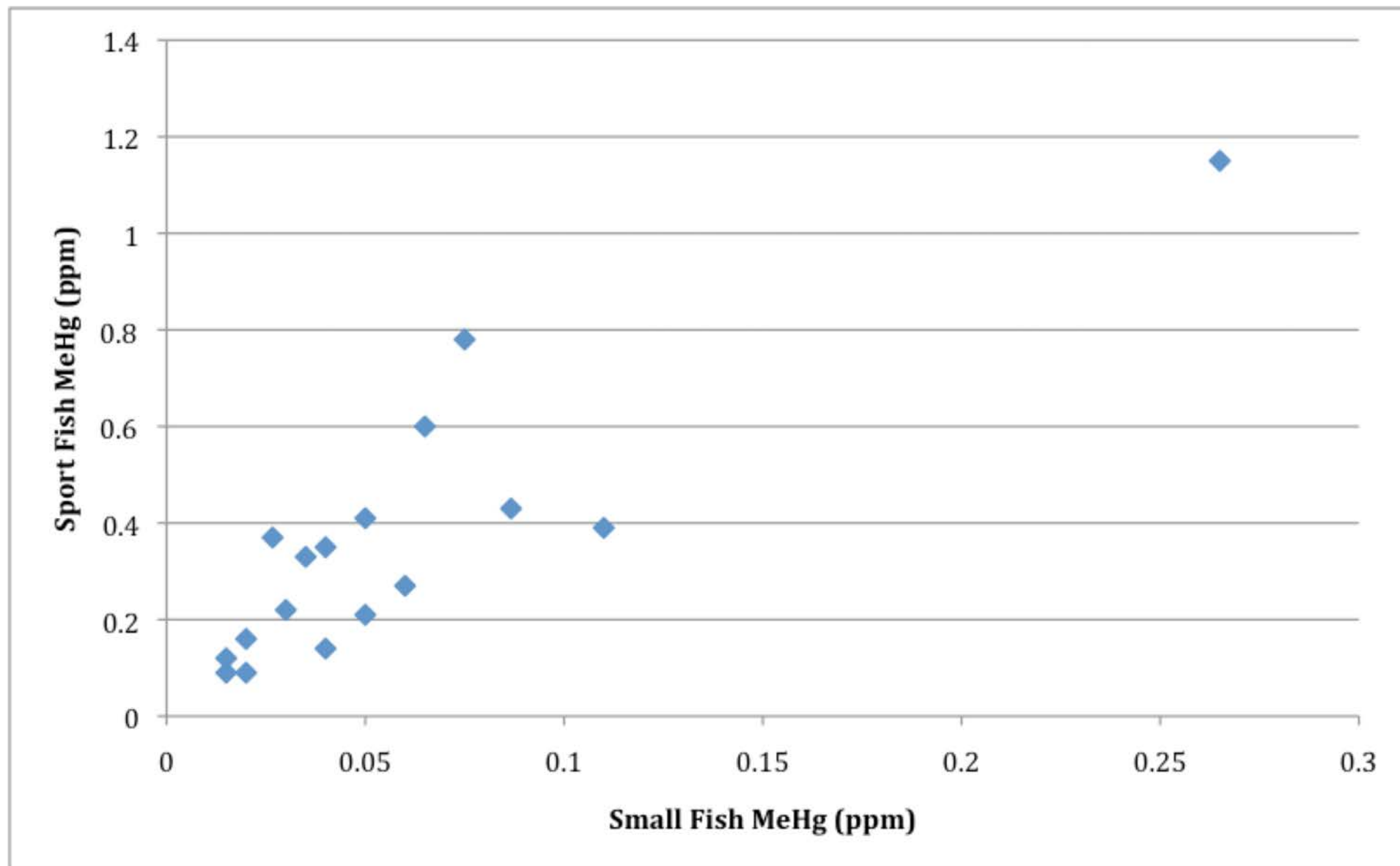
- < 0.07 ppm (ATL - 3 servings/wk)
- 0.07 – 0.22 ppm
- 0.22 – 0.44 ppm
- > 0.44 ppm (ATL - no consumption)

1 Regional Water Quality Control Boards

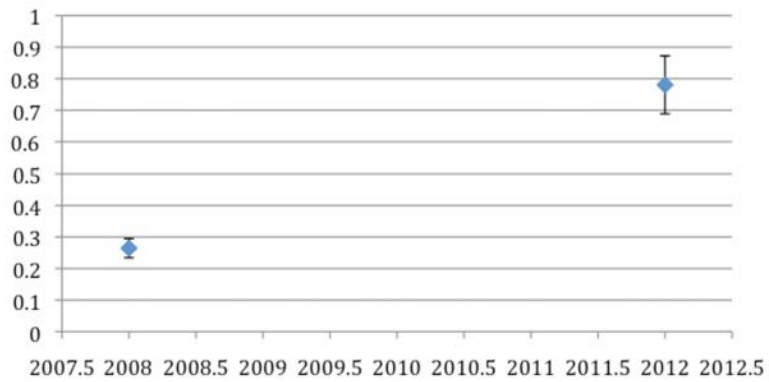


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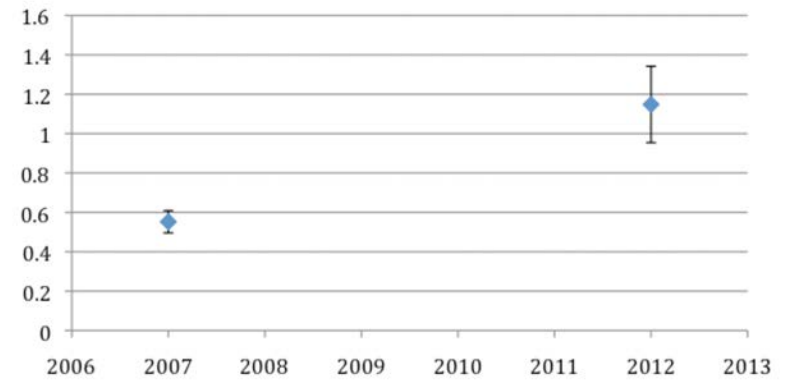




### Clear Lake



### Lake Berryessa



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# Wildlife Study: Other Points

1. Fact sheet will be drafted and distributed for review
2. Can write a press release – desired?
3. Report format is a question
4. Timing of release is dependent on USGS
5. Fish data will be available through Portal
6. Bird data will be on CEDEN
7. Flat files for bird info on the Portal
8. Suggested addition: An effective feedback loop for users



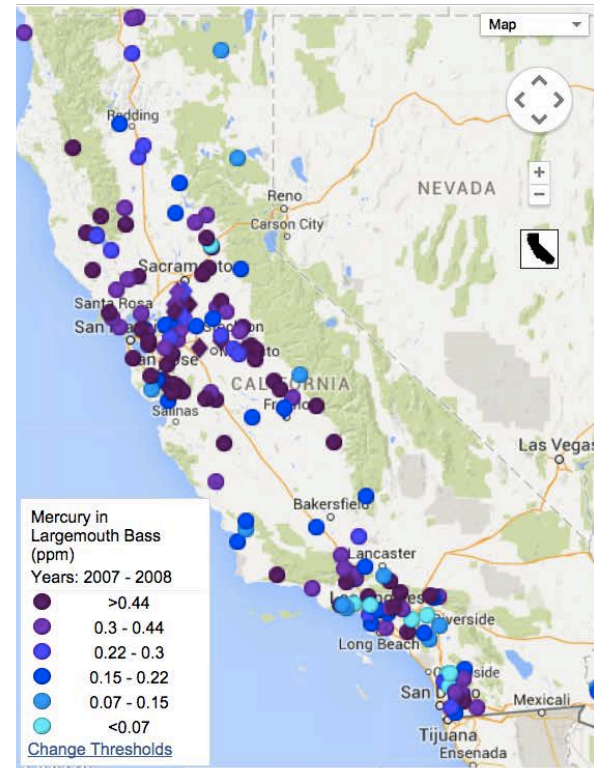
## Item 4: Bass Lake Monitoring Design

- Presentation and discussion today
- Written comments due April 22 (may be negotiable)
- Desired outcome: Obtain input to guide preparation of the final sampling plan



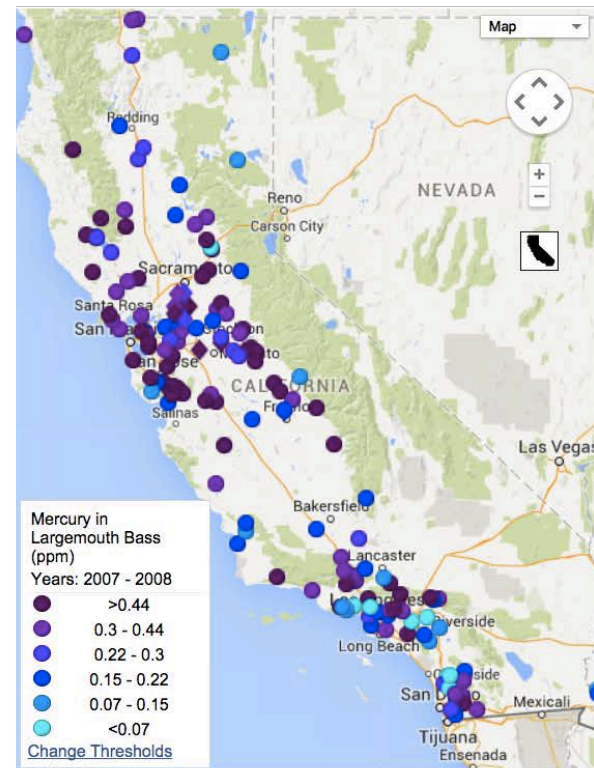
# Bass Lake Sampling Plan: Overview

- SWAMP mission: provide resource managers, decision makers, and the public with timely, high-quality information to evaluate the condition of all waters throughout California
- BOG objectives: 1) status; 2) trends; 3) sources and pathways; and 4) effectiveness of management actions



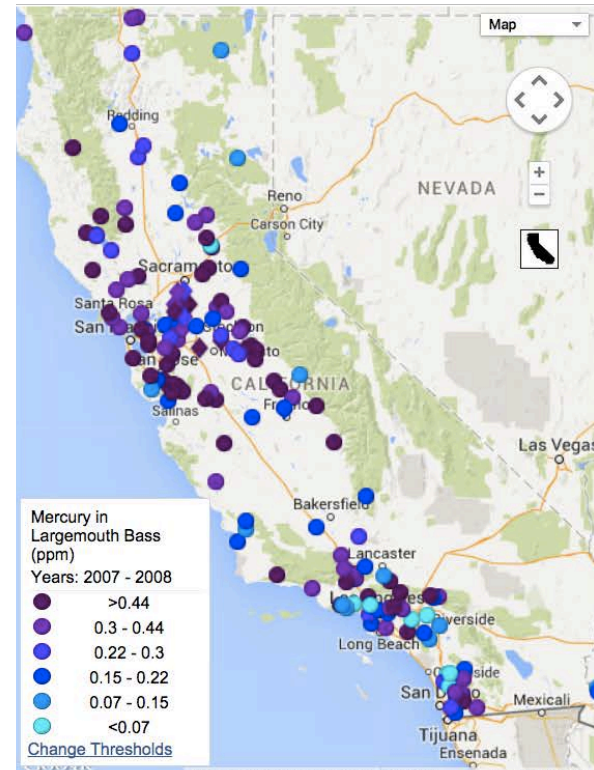
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- Need for updated information on status
- Need for information on broad-scale trends
- No one-size-fits-all
- Bass lakes
  - High impairment – big driver of the statewide TMDL
  - Robust indicator of food web mercury



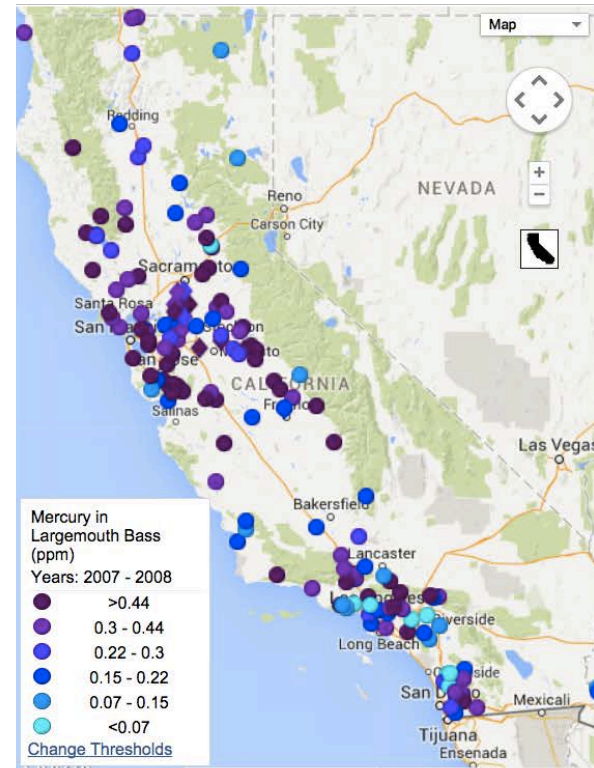
# Bass Lake Sampling Plan: Overview

- Revisit high priority bass lakes on a 10 year cycle for status updates
- Pick ~190 lakes of highest interest
- Primary focus on mercury
- Also obtain statewide trend through random sampling of this population



# Sampling Scheme

- 5 randomly-drawn subsets of ~38 lakes (“panels”)
- “Rotating panel” design
  - Advantages
    - Increased power for trend detection
    - Predictable schedule for each lake
    - Don’t lose much statistically
- Panels become fixed – best to choose them carefully now
- Biennial sampling
- Revisit each lake once every 10 years



## Master Revision Schedule

X = funded by SWAMP, O = funded by another program

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# Sampling Plan: Management Questions

1. What are the recent ~~average~~ concentrations of contaminants of concern in each priority bass lake or reservoir?
  - Timely, high quality information on status – impairment assessment, consumption advice
  - Not just mercury
  - Data needed: ~~average~~ concentrations of contaminants of concern in the species with a tendency to accumulate high concentrations



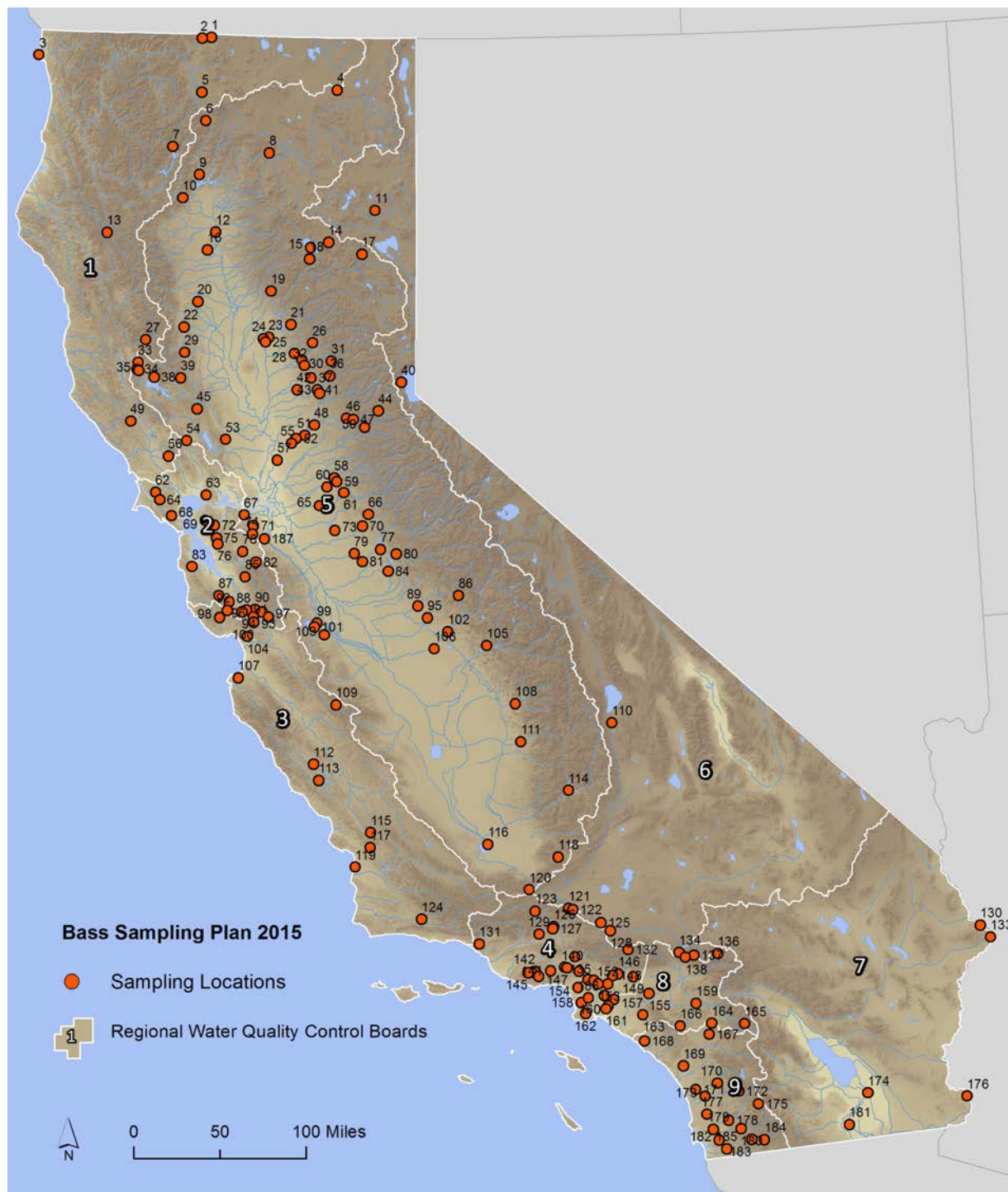
# Sampling Plan: Management Questions

2. What is the trend in statewide average bass mercury concentrations in fish in priority bass lakes and reservoirs?
- Needed to interpret responses to management actions
  - Statewide increase is plausible
  - Measurements of statewide average concentrations that are repeated over time



# Lake Selection

- SWAMP 2007-8 survey
- Other lakes with data in CEDEN
- Review by regions
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								COUNT	187													
3	Included in 2/2/15 BOG Bass Only list	Included on 2/2/15 BOG extended list	Not included on either bass only or extended lists	Bass Sampled [Combination of columns M & AB]	Bass Type Sampled [Combination of columns M & AB]	Regional Board	Station Name for Statewide Mercury Program Database	On 2010 303(d) List as Mercury Impaired (a)	Regional Board Prioritization for Long-Term Monitoring [X=INCLUDE]	Rationale/Comments	Panel Number	Station Number (Lakes Report)	Station Name (BOG 2/2/15 List)	Bass Sampled [per 2/2/15 BOG List]	Small	Medium	Large	Extra-large	Random	Targeted	Moderate PCBs (>20)	High PCBs (>100)
5	X			X	LMB	1	Copco Lake	X	X			3	Copco Lake	X	X					X		
6	X			X	LMB	1	Dead Lake	X	X			5	Dead Lake	X	X					X		
9	X			X	LMB	1	Iron Gate Reservoir	X	X			4	Iron Gate Reservoir	X	X					X		
12	X			X	LMB	1	Mendocino, Lake	X	X	(US Bureau of Reclamation does some bas		69	Lake Mendocino	X		X				X		
13	X			X	LMB	1	Pillsbury, Lake	X	X			56	Lake Pillsbury	X		X				X		
15	X			X	LMB	1	Reservoir F		X			8	Reservoir F	X	X				X			
16	X			X	LMB	1	Ruth Lake	X	X			32	Ruth Lake	X	X					X		
17	X			X	LMB	1	Shastina, Lake	X	X			9	Lake Shastina	X	X					X		
18	X			X	LMB	1	Sonoma, Lake	X	X	(US Bureau of Reclamation does some bas		90	Lake Sonoma	X		X				X		
19	X			X	LMB	1	Spring Lake		X	Gary will be sampling E	1	101	Spring Lake	X	X					X		
20		X		X	LMB	1	Trinity Lake	X	X			22	Trinity Lake				X			X		
21	X			X	LMB	2	Vasona Reservoir		X	PCBs		167	Lake Vasona	X	X					X	X	X
22	X			X	LMB	2	Lafayette Reservoir	X	X			132	Lafayette Reservoir	X	X					X		
23	X			X	LMB	2	Shadow Cliffs Reservoir	X	X			143	Shadow Cliffs Reservoir	X	X					X	X	
24	X			X	LMB	2	Nicasio Lake	X	X			116	Nicasio Lake	X	X					X		
25	X			X	LMB	2	Chabot, Lake (Vallejo)		X			115	Lake Chabot (Vallejo)	X	X					X	X	
26	X			X	LMB	2	Henne, Lake		X			98	Lake Henne	X	X				X			
27	X			X	LMB	2	Lexington Reservoir		X	important reference site for Quad Hg			Lexington Reservoir	X								
28	X			X	LMB	2	Ogier Quarry Ponds		X			172	Ogier Quarry Ponds	X	X				X			
29	X			X	LMB	2	San Pablo Reservoir	X	X			129	San Pablo Reservoir	X	X					X		
30	X			X	LMB	2	Del Valle Reservoir	X	X			152	Lake del Valle	X	X					X		
31	X			X	LMB	2	Stevens Creek Reservoir	X	X			165	Stevens Creek Reservoir	X	X					X	X	
32	X			X	LMB	2	Coyote Lake		X			178	Coyote Lake	X	X					X		
33	X			X	LMB	2	Lower Crystal Springs Reservoir		X			157	Lower Crystal Springs Reserv	X	X				X			
34	X			X	LMB	2	Soulejoule Lake	X	X			114	Soulejoule Lake	X	X					X		
35	X			X	LMB	2	Anderson Lake	X	X			174	Anderson Lake	X	X					X		
36	X			X	LMB	2	Upper San Leandro Reservoir		X			138	Upper San Leandro Reservoir	X	X				X			
37	X			X	LMB	2	Calero Reservoir	X	X			173	Calero Reservoir	X	X					X		
38	X			X	LMB	2	Almaden Reservoir	X	X			168	Almaden Lake	X	X					X	X	
50	X			X	LMB	2	Bon Tempe Lake	X	X	before sampling I would inquire of Marin M		124	Bon Tempe Lake	X	X					X		
52	X			X	LMB	2	Chabot, Lake (San Leandro)	X	X	PCBs		140	Lake Chabot (San Leandro)	X	X				X		X	X
53	X			X	LMB	2	Calaveras Reservoir	X	X	before sampling I would inquire of SFPUC v		159	Calaveras Reservoir	X		X			X			
59	X			X	LMB	3	Cachuma, Lake		X			208	Lake Cachuma	X			X			X		
60	X			X	LMB	3	Chesbro Reservoir	X	X			176	Chesbro Reservoir	X	X					X	X	
62	X			X	LMB	3	Hernandez Reservoir		X			192	Hernandez Reservoir	X	X					X		
66	X			X	LMB	3	Loch Lomond Reservoir		X			177	Loch Lomond Reservoir	X	X					X		
67	X			X	LMB	3	Lopez Lake		X			199	Lopez Lake	X	X					X		
69	X			X	LMB & SMB	3	Nacimiento, Lake	X	X			195	Lake Nacimiento	SMB			X			X		
71		X				3	Oso Flaco Lake		X													
72	X			X	LMB	3	Pinto Lake		X			186	Pinto Lake	X	X					X		
73		X				3	Roberts Lake (Laguna Del Rey)		X													

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- GRTS approach to selecting lakes for the panels
- Question: temporarily inaccessible lakes – just hit them next time?



# Analytes and Costs

<b>\$8,000 per lake for sampling</b>				
# Water Bodies		29		
	Cost per samp	Number	Rounded Num	Cost
Sampling	8000	29	29	232000
Composite prep (2 comps, 20% of samples)	116	11.6	11	1276
Archive (3 per composite)	7	34.8	34	238
PCBs (2 comps, 20% of samples)	630	11.6	11	6930
OCPs (2 comps, 5% of samples)	630	2.9	2	1260
Mercury (DMA)	79	348	348	27492
Aging	85	29	29	2465
Validation				
Cruise report				819
Total	at 14/15 funding level: \$280K			272480

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Archive (3 per composite)	7	45.6	45	315
PCBs (2 comps, 20% of samples)	630	15.2	15	9450
OCPs (2 comps, 5% of samples)	630	3.8	3	1890
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Total	at 15/16 & 16/17 funding level: \$360K			357468



# Target Species: Mercury

Species	Foraging Type		Trophic Level	Distribution			Priority for Collection
	Water column	Bottom feeder		Low Elevation	Foothills	High Elevation	
Largemouth bass	X		4	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>A</b>
Smallmouth bass	X		4	x	<b>X</b>		<b>A</b>
Spotted bass	X		4	x	<b>X</b>		<b>A</b>
Sacramento pikeminnow	X		4	x	x		B

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Spotted bass	X		4	x	<b>X</b>		B
Sacramento pikeminnow	X		4	x	x		B
White catfish		X	4	x	x		<b>A</b>
Brown bullhead		X	3	x			<b>A</b>
Channel catfish		X	4	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>A</b>
Carp		X	3	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>A</b>
Sacramento sucker		X	3	x	x		<b>A</b>
Tilapia		X	3				B
Bluegill	X		3	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		B
Green sunfish	X		3	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		B
Crappie	X		3/4	x	x		B
Redear sunfish	X		3	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		B

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# Size Ranges and Processing

	Process for Mercury	Process for Organics and Selenium	Numbers and Size Ranges (mm)
<b>Primary Targets: stay on location until one of these targets from both Group 1 and 2 is obtained, or collect secondary targets if primary targets are not available</b>			
<b>Group 1) Predator</b>			
Black bass	I		2X(200-249), 2X(250-304), 6X(305-407), 2X(>407)
Sacramento pikeminnow	I		3X(200-300), 6X(300-400), 3X(400-500)
<b>Group 2) Bottom feeder</b>			
White catfish	C	C	5X(229-305)
Channel catfish	C	C	5X(375-500)
Common carp	C	C	5X(450-600)
Brown bullhead	C		5X(262-350)
Sacramento sucker	C	C	5X(375-500)
<b>Secondary Targets: collect these if primary targets are not available</b>			
Bluegill	C	C	5X(127-170)
Redear sunfish	C	C	5X(165-220)
Black crappie	C	C	5X(187-250)
Tilapia	C	C	5X(235-314)
Green sunfish	C	C	Xx

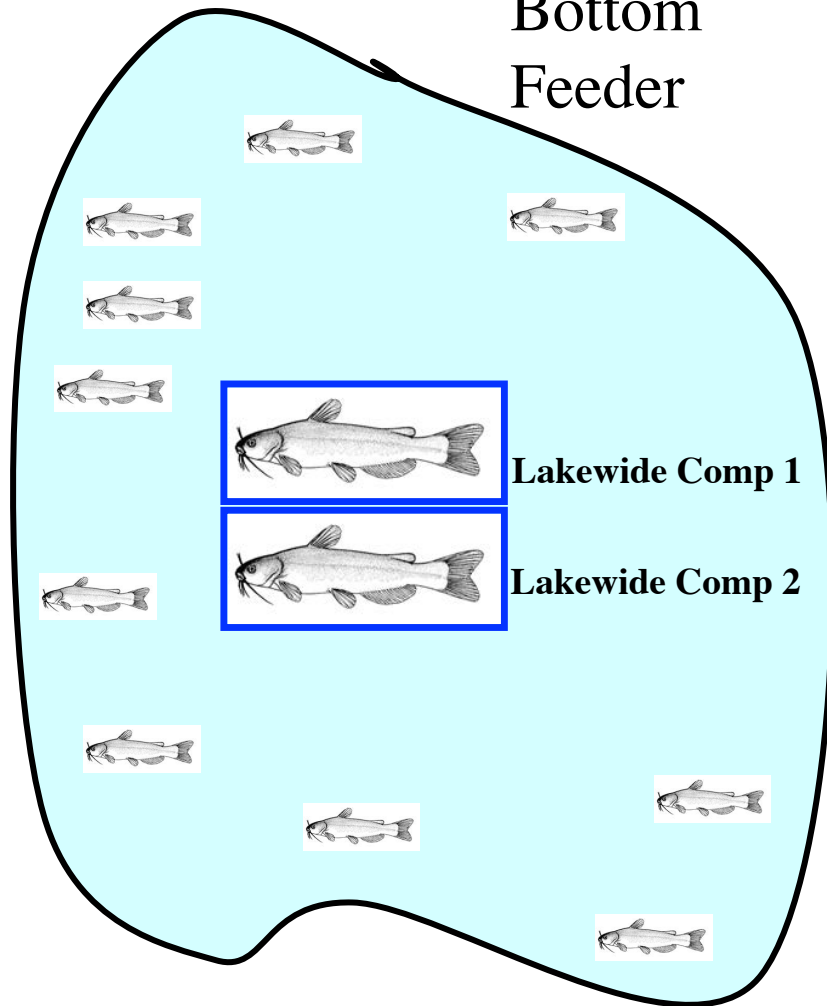


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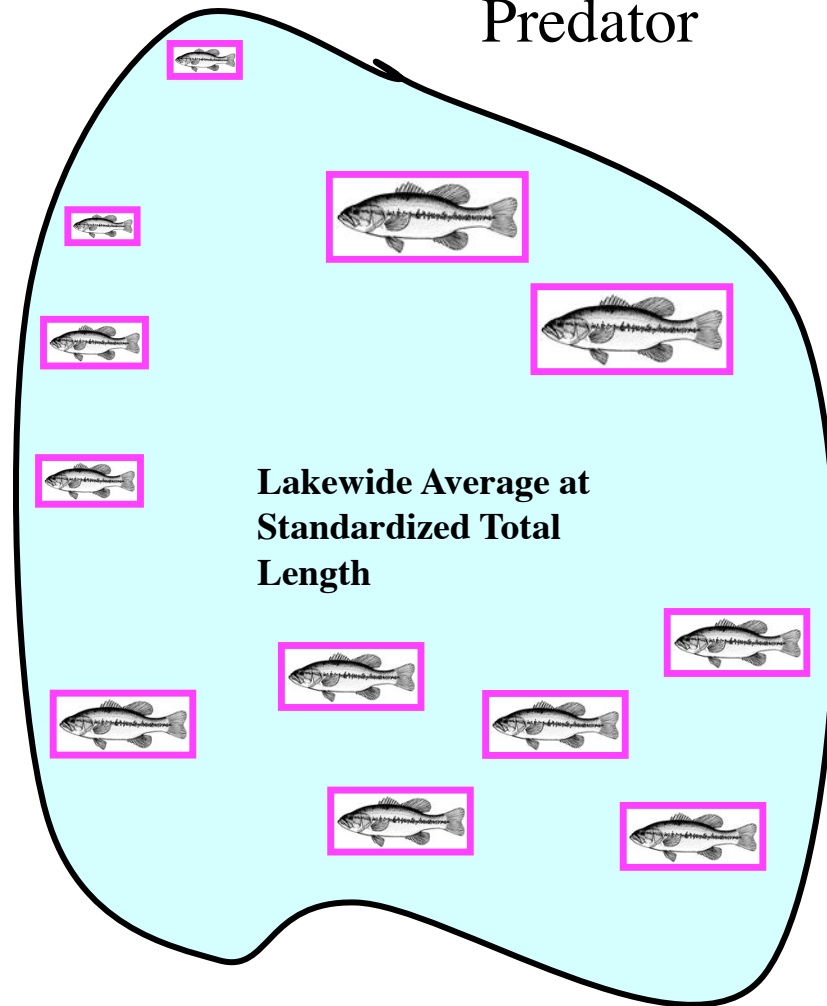
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Analyze Hg

Bottom  
Feeder



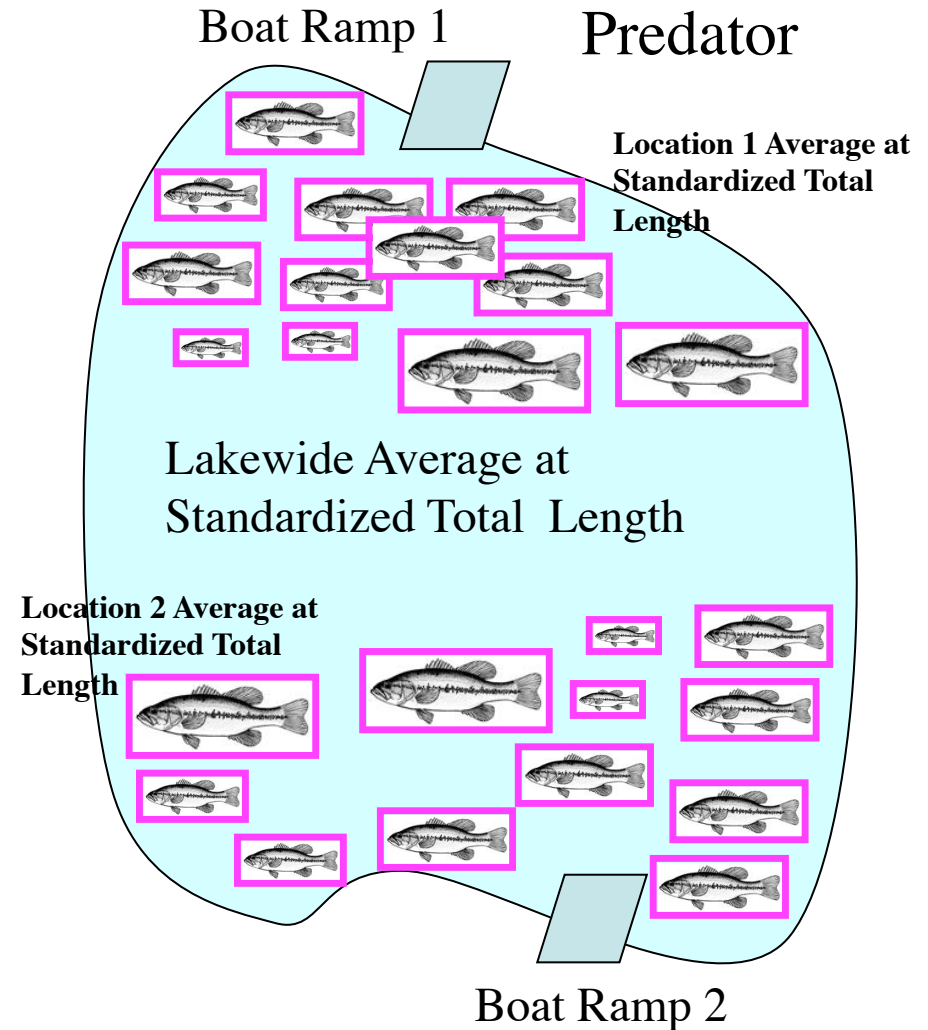
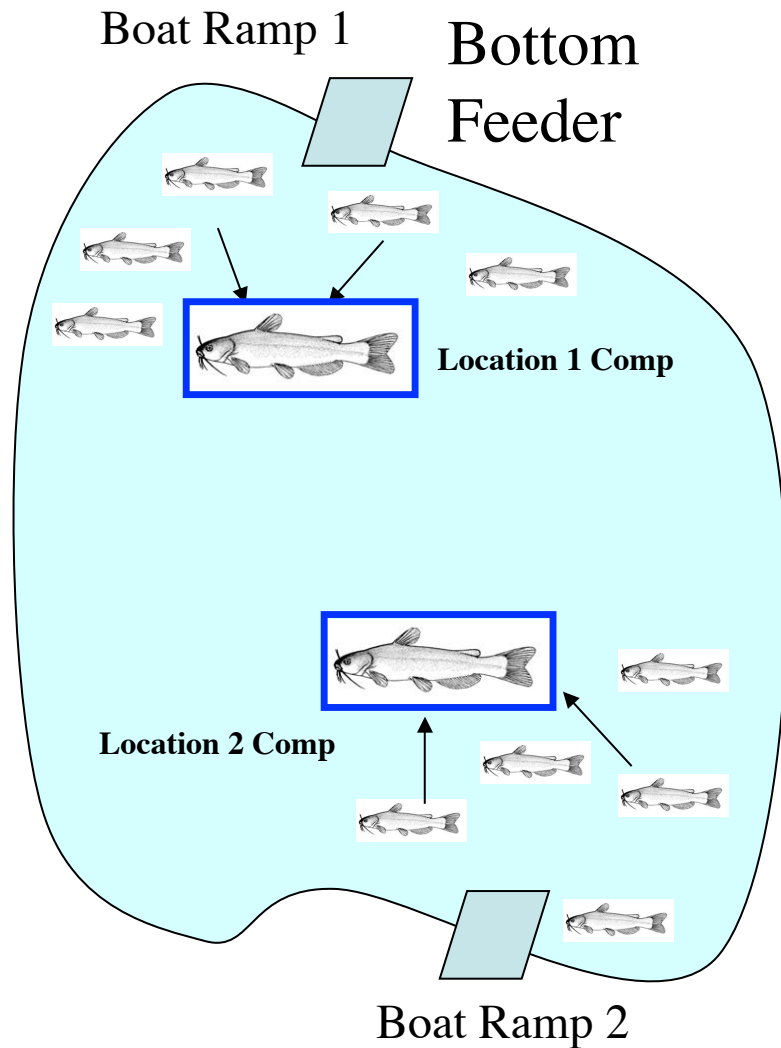
Predator



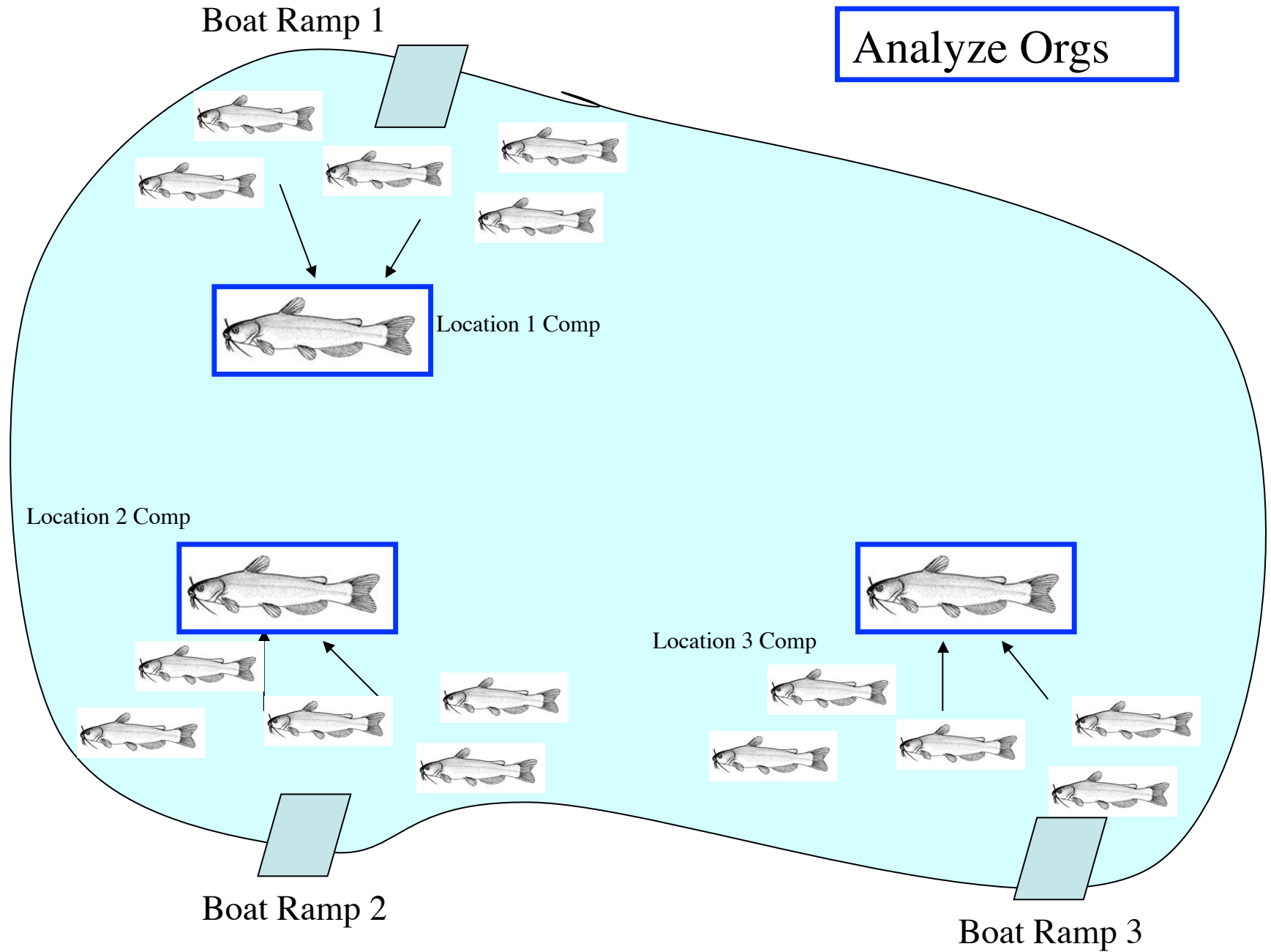
# Medium Lake (500 – 1000 ha)

Analyze Orgs

Analyze Hg



# *Large Lake: Bottom Feeder*



# *Large Lake: Predator*

Boat Ramp 1

Analyze Hg

Location 1 Average at  
Standard Length

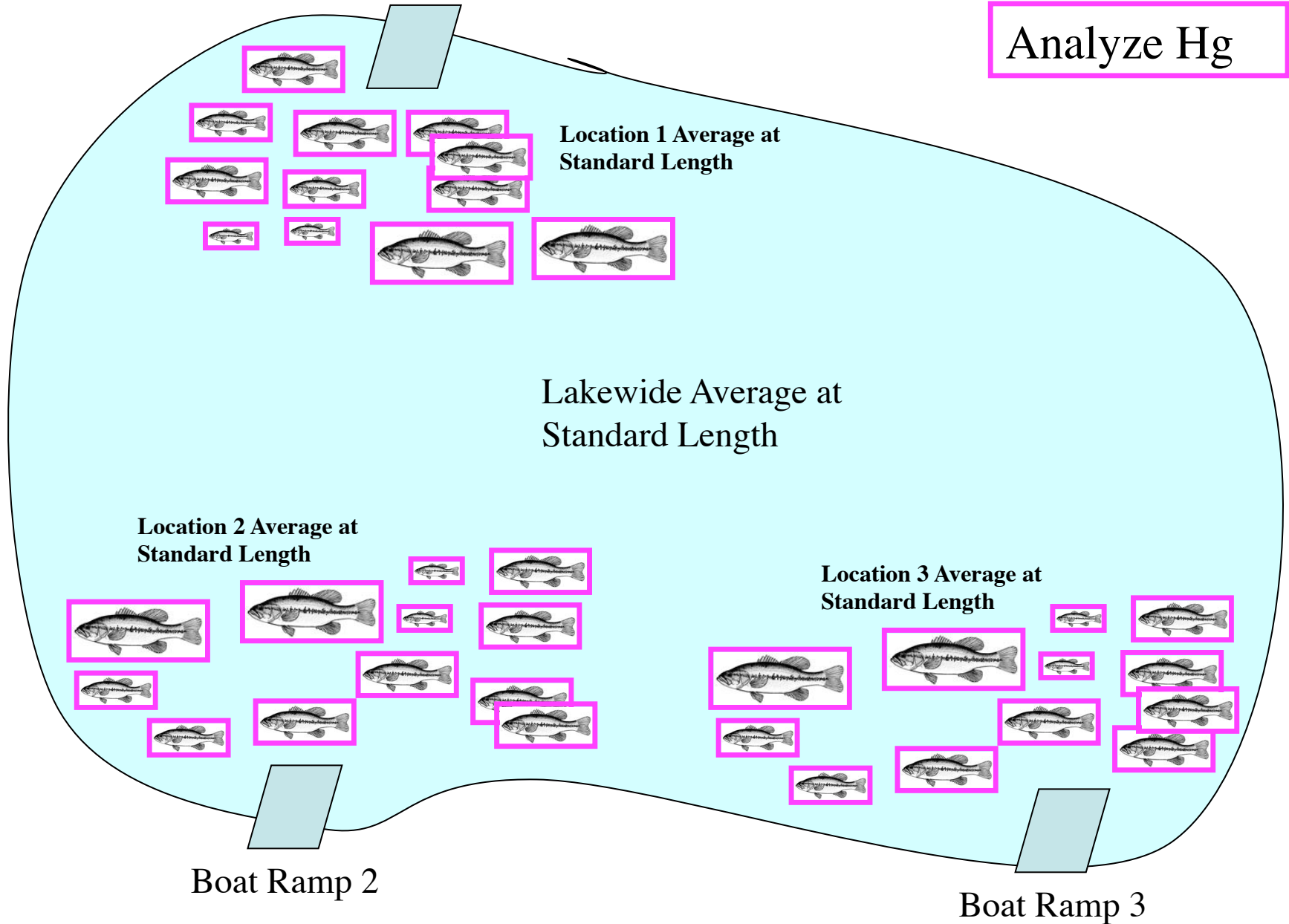
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Standard Length

Location 2 Average at  
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Location 3 Average at  
Standard Length

Boat Ramp 2

Boat Ramp 3



# Coordination

- Region 4 – 25 lakes, beginning in May
- Region 5 – 4 lakes (no overlap)
- USGS? – will ask again



# Other Parameters

- Small fish?
- Sediment?
- Water?



# Timeline: Sampling Plan

- Review Panel meeting – April 15
- Finalize Sampling Plan and QAPP – early May
- Begin Region 4 sampling – ~~May~~ June
- Begin bass lake sampling – June?



# Timeline: Products

- Draft data report – March 2017
- Final data report and fact sheet – May 2017
- Data posted to Portal – May 2017
- Interpretive report on first two rounds – May 2019



# Sampling Plan: Discussion/Review Points

1. Is this long-term monitoring effort a wise use of limited monitoring resources?
2. Is the sampling plan technically sound?
3. How important is it to include other parameters: prey fish, sediment, water?



## Item 5: Long-term Sport Fish Monitoring Plan

- Discussion: Long-term Sport Fish Monitoring Plan - Other Water Bodies
- Desired outcome: Obtain preliminary input on plans for 2016 and the long-term



## Master Revision Schedule

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General water body category	Specific category (numbers are approximate)	Revisit frequency for each water body	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Lakes	1) Bass Lakes (n=160) (Statewide Core Monitoring)	10 yr	X		X		X	
	2) Bass Lakes - those not yet sampled	One-time surveys		X		X		
	3) Bass Lakes - where actions are taken	1 yr		O	O	O	O	O
	4) Trout Lakes - <0.2 ppm (n=90)	20 yr						
	5) Trout Lakes - >0.2 ppm (n=5)	10 yr				X		
Rivers and Streams	6) Bass sites in Delta (n=10)	1 yr		O	O	O	O	O
	7) Other bass/sucker sites (n=10)	10 yr						
	8) Trout Sites - <0.2 ppm (n=50)	20 yr						
	9) Trout Sites - >0.2 ppm (n=10)	10 yr						
Coast	10) SF Bay	5 yr					O	
	11) SC Bight (n=27)	10 yr					O	
	12) Other coast zones (n=35)	10 yr						X

## Discussion

- Frequencies for different water body types
- Sampling new lakes in 2016?
- Other ideas for 2016?



## Item 6: Information - Timeline for 2015

- **July meeting** – Review Panel – teleconference  
– Clean Lakes Report
- Other items to discuss this year
  - Filling in the rest of the long-term sampling plan, especially 2016 (due December?)
  - Business Plan (due December)

